

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An integrated circuit comprising:

scan chains implemented by registers disposed in a logic  
5 circuit, configured to shift in test patterns, to transfer the  
test patterns to the logic circuit, to receive test results of  
the logic circuit, and to shift out the test results;

a test pattern generation unit configured to transform the  
test patterns as scanning test patterns for feeding into the scan  
10 chains; and

a test result compression unit connected to the output  
stages of the scan chains, configured to compress the test results  
so as to generate the same number of compressed test result  
signatures as the number of the test results, and to transfer  
15 the resulting compressed test result signatures to the scan  
chains in a first order to allow one-to-one mapping.

2. The integrated circuit as claimed in claim 1, further  
comprising:

20 an expected value comparison circuit configured to compare  
the compressed test result signatures with a corresponding  
expected value in the first order, and detects a compressed test  
result signature which fails to match the corresponding expected  
value.

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3. The integrated circuit as claimed in claim 2, further

comprising:

a failure scan chain determination circuit configured to count the order of a compressed test result signature fails to match the corresponding expected value during comparison in the first order, and determines a failure scan chain, which includes a failure detected in the scan chains.

4. The integrated circuit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the test result compression unit includes:

data compression units connected to the respective output terminals of the scan chains, configured to receive the test results, and to transfer the compressed test result signatures, the number of the data compression units is the same as the number of the test results; and

a parallel to serial converter connected to all of the data compression units, configured to receive the compressed test result signatures in parallel, and to serially transfer the compressed test result signatures in the first order.

5. The integrated circuit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the test result compression unit comprises:

a first selector connected to the output terminals of the scan chains, configured to select and transfer the test results in a second order;

a plurality of data compression units connected to the first selector configured to receive the test results, and to

transfer the compressed test result signatures, the number of the data compression units being smaller than the number of the test results; and

a parallel to serial converter connected to the data  
5 compression unit configured to receive the compressed test result signatures in parallel, and to serially transfer the compressed test result signatures in the first order.

6. The integrated circuit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the test  
10 result compression unit comprises:

a mode changeover circuit connected to the output stages of the scan chains configured to receive the test results in parallel and output the test results in parallel in a self-test mode, to receive the test results in parallel in a failure  
15 analysis mode, and to transfer the test results to the scan chains in a first order that allows one-to-one mapping; and

a data compression unit connected to the mode changeover circuit configured to receive the test results in parallel in the self-test mode, to collectively compresses the test results  
20 into a single compressed test result signature, and to compresses the test results in the first order in the failure analysis mode.

7. The integrated circuit as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
the test pattern generation unit divides the test pattern,  
25 generating scanning test patterns;

the scan chains shift in the scanning test patterns and

simultaneously transfer the scanning test patterns to the logic circuit, receive the test results from the logic circuit, and shift out the block test results dividing the test results from respective last stages of blocks in the scan chains; and

5       the integrated circuit further comprises a block compression unit configured to receive the block test results, to compress the test results so as to generate the same number of compressed test result signatures as the test results, and to transfer the resulting compressed block test result  
10 signatures to the blocks in a third order that allows one-to-one mapping.

8. The integrated circuit as claimed in claim 7, further comprising:

15       a block expected value comparison circuit configured to compare the compressed block test result signatures with the corresponding expected values in a third order, and to detect a compressed block test result signature that fails to match the corresponding expected value; and

20       a failure block determination circuit configured to count the order of the compressed block test result signature that fails to match the corresponding expected value in the third order, and to identify a failure block having a failure detected in the blocks.

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9. The integrated circuit as claimed in claim 7, wherein the block

compression unit comprises:

second data compression units, connected to the output terminals of the blocks, configured to receive the block test results, and to transfer compressed block test result signatures,  
5 the number of the second data compression units is the same as the number of the block test results; and

a second parallel to serial converter configured to receive in parallel the compressed block test result signature from the second data compression units, which are connected to the divided  
10 blocks in one of the scan chains, and to serially transfer the compressed block test result signatures in the third order.

10. The integrated circuit as claimed in claim 7, wherein the block compression unit comprises:

15 a second selector configured to transfer the block test results delivered from a failure scan chain; and

second data compression units connected to the second selector, configured to receive the block test results, and to transfer the compressed block test result signatures, the number  
20 of the second data compression units is smaller than the number of the block test results; and

a second parallel to serial converter configured to receive in parallel the compressed block test result signatures from the second data compression unit connected to the divided blocks in  
25 one of the scan chains and to serially output the compressed block test result signatures in the third order.

11. The integrated circuit as claimed in claim 7, wherein the block compression unit comprises:

5 a second selector connected to output terminals of the blocks, configured to select and to transfer each of the block test results in a fourth order; and

data compression units connected to the second selector, configured to receive the block test results and to transfer the compressed block test result signatures, the number of the data  
10 compression units is smaller than the number of the block test results.

12. The integrated circuit as claimed in claim 3, wherein

the test pattern generation unit is initialized as the test  
15 pattern into scanning test patterns in a failure pattern determination mode, a failure shift register determination mode, and a failure block determination mode;

the scan chains shift in the scanning test patterns, simultaneously transfer the scanning test patterns to the logic  
20 circuit, and receive the test results from the logic circuit, and in the failure pattern determination mode and the failure shift register determination mode, shift out the test results from the last stages of the scan chains, and in the failure block determination mode, shift out the block test results, which  
25 result from dividing the test results, from the last stages of the divided blocks in the scan chains; and

the test result compression unit receives the test results in parallel and collectively compresses the test results into a single compressed test result signature in the failure pattern determination mode, and in the failure shift register  
5 determination mode, transfers the compressed test result signature in the first order, and in the failure block determination mode, receives the block test results, compresses the test results so as to generate the same number of compressed test result signatures as the test results, and transfers the  
10 resulting compressed block test result signatures to the blocks in a third order that allows one-to-one mapping.

13. The integrated circuit as claimed in claim 12, wherein the test result compression unit comprises:

15 a second selector configured to transfer the test results in the failure pattern determination mode and the failure shift register determination mode, and in the failure block determination mode, to select and to transfer the block test results in a fourth order;

20 a mode changeover circuit connected to the second selector, configured to receive and to transfer the test results in parallel in the failure pattern determination mode, to receive the test results in parallel and to transfer the test results in parallel in the first order in the failure scan chain determination mode,  
25 and to transfer the block test results output from the failure scan chain in the failure block determination mode; and

a data compression unit connected to the mode changeover circuit, configured to receive the test results in parallel and to collectively compress, the test results into a single compressed test result signature in the failure pattern determination mode, to compress each of the test results in the first order and to transfer the resulting compressed test result signature in the first order in the failure scan chain determination mode, and to compress each of the block test results in the third order and to transfer the resulting compressed block test results in the third order in the failure block determination mode.

14. The integrated circuit as claimed in claim 7, wherein the block compression unit comprises:

an exclusive-OR calculation unit configured to transfer an exclusive-ORed value of the block test results, which are delivered from the scan chains including a failure scan chain;

second data compression units connected to the exclusive-OR calculation unit, configured to receive the exclusive-ORed value, and to transfer the compressed block test result signatures, the number of the second data compression units is smaller than the number of the block test results; and

a second parallel to serial converter configured to receive in parallel the compressed block test result signatures from the second data compression unit connected to the divided blocks in one of the scan chains and to serially transfer the compressed



block test result signatures in the third order.

15. The integrated circuit as claimed in claim 7, further comprising:

5       a register selection circuit configured to select each of the registers implementing the blocks in a fourth order; and  
a register inversion circuit configured to invert one of the value of the block test result and the value of the block test pattern received by a selected one of the registers into  
10 the resulting inverted block test result, the block compression unit receives the inverted block test result and compresses the inverted block test results into the resulting compressed, inverted block test results.

15 16. The integrated circuit as claimed in claim 15, wherein the block expected value comparison circuit compares the compressed, inverted block test results with the corresponding expected values, and detects a compressed, inverted block test result that matches that corresponding expected value; and

20       the integrated circuit further comprises a failure register determination circuit configured to count the order of the compressed, inverted block test result that matches the corresponding expected value in the fourth order, and to identify a failure register having a failure detected in the blocks.

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17. The integrated circuit as claimed in claim 15, wherein

the register selection circuit comprises a first shift counter which selects each of the registers in the fourth order; and

the register inversion circuit comprises a toggle F/F circuit configured to control a hold/inversion of one of the value of the block test result and the value of the block test pattern received by a selected one of the registers.

18. The integrated circuit as claimed in claim 15, wherein at least two registers influenced by a failure belong to different scan chains.

19. A computer implemented apparatus for designing an integrated circuit comprising:

a net list generation unit configured to generate a net list for

a test pattern generation unit configured to divide a test pattern into a plurality of scanning test patterns,

scan chains implemented by registers disposed in a logic circuit, configured to shift in the scanning test patterns and to simultaneously transfer the scanning test patterns, and to receive test results from the logic circuit and to shift out the test results, the number of the scan chains is the same as the number of those test results, and

a test result compression unit connected to the output stages of the scan chains to compress the test results so as to generate the same number of compressed test result signatures as the test results, and to transfer a resulting compressed test result signatures to the scan chains in a first order that allows one-to-one mapping; and

a self-test circuit insertion unit configured to insert the net list for the test pattern generation unit, the scan chains, and the test result compression unit in the net list for the integrated circuit.

20. A computer implemented apparatus for designing scan chains implemented by registers in an integrated circuit comprising:

a logical cone extraction unit configured to extract a logic circuit that outputs a value according to changeable input values in the registers, and to generate a logical cone, which is a combination circuit that is included by the logic circuit, for each register;

a dependency extraction unit configured to generate a group of the registers in the logical cone including the same logic circuit; and

a scan chain configuration unit configured to generate any scan chains using only the registers not belonging to the same group.